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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate and acknowledge the courtesies extended by Examiner Sall during the telephone interview and conversation of August 1, 2006. Applicants agreed in said conversation to combine the limitations of claim 12 with claim 1, the only originally filed independent claim, thereby rendering claim 1 as amended allowable. Further, Applicants agreed to combine the limitations of claims 12 and 16 with those of claim 1 in an independent claim. Applicants, in reviewing this agreement, have accomplished same by cancelling claim 12 and amending claims 13-15, as currently amended, to depend from claim 1 as amended; canceling claim 16, amending claim 17 currently amended to depend from claim 1 as amended, canceling claim 18, and presenting two new claims, 19 and 20, which are previously amended independent claims 16 and 18, now canceled and written to depend from claim 1.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully contends that all of the claims presently under prosecution contain patentable subject matter and are patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this application be reviewed and reconsidered in view of the above remarks and amendments and that a Notice of Allowance be issued at an early date.

Applicants respectfully request that if the Examiner, for any reason, disagrees with the above modifications to satisfy his requirements, which substantially add the limitations of claim 12 to claim 1, the only now independent claim, cancels independent claims 12, 16 and 18 and presents claims 19 and 20 embracing the identical elements and limitations as set out in independent claims 16 and 18, respectively, please do not hesitate to call Applicants' attorney to remedy the matter.

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